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Regional Freedom of Information Officer
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**Subject: Freedom of Information Act Request
PCBs Release and Remediation Activities
Pier 70, Building 12, San Francisco, California 94111**

To whom it may concern:

Geosyntec Consultants, Inc. (Geosyntec) is in the process of conducting a records search for an environmental assessment associated with Pier 70, located at the intersection of Illinois Street and 22nd Street, San Francisco, California. This search includes researching the history of the site, especially as it pertains to a historical release and clean-up of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) that occurred circa 1981 - 1982. Property identification is as follows:

- Building 12, Pier 70, San Francisco, California;
- Intersection of Illinois Street and 22nd Street, San Francisco, California;
- APN #: 4046-002, 4046002, 4052-001, 4052001, 9900-060, 9900-070, 9900070;
- DTSC Envirostor Case #: 38440006. Case summary as presented in the Envirostor file is as follows:

“Pier 70, San Francisco, CA 94111 – Cleanup was certified as of 1/1/82. Site size is listed as 30 acres. Potential contaminant of concern is listed as PCBs and lead in Soil. The current address for Pier 70 is at the beginning of 20th Street in San Francisco, California. Illinois Street borders the site to the west, 22nd Street and the Potrero Power Plant to the south, China (Central) Basin to the north, and the San Francisco Bay to the east. There are many buildings associated with the Pier. Several of the buildings; 6, 12 (operating area 2 is inside Building 12), 14 (a storage shed), and 21 (operational area 1 is inside Building 21), and a fire damaged area (between Pier 7 and Pier 8; note: likely in the former wharf 7 and 8 area that was located on Pier 70, adjacent to the east of the Site) underwent cleanup in 1981, 1984, and 1986 under the oversight of the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC).

In 1981, IT Corporation conducted a cleanup of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) at the Site as a result of an EPA inspection after a fire occurred in the area between Pier 7 and 8 in November 1980. Old leaking transformers containing PCBs were removed from operational areas 1 and 2, and the fire damaged area. Walls, floors, and asphalt driveways were sampled with wipes. PCB (Aroclor 1260) results before cleanup ranged from 17 to 5,888 ug/wipe in operational area 1, from 3 to 229 ug/wipe in operational area 2, and from less than 1 microgram per wipe area (ug/wipe area) to 49,200 ug/wipe area in the fire damaged area. Samples taken from the floor area (asphalt floor) ranged from non-detect to 62 parts per million (ppm). Aroclor 1260 was not detected in samples of mud, water or mussels in the area where the fire occurred (adjacent to the east of the Site). After decontamination, confirmation samples were taken in operational area 1 and 2. Samples collected in operational area 1 ranged from 4 to 80 ug/wipe, and from less than 1 ug/wipe to 32 ug/wipe for operational area 2. The fire damaged area results ranged from non-detect to 82 ug/wipe. The asphalt confirmation samples were all within residential cleanup levels. The cleanup level for Aroclor 1260 was 220 ug/wipe area for residential and 1,000 ug/wipe area for industrial.”

Geosyntec requests that you provide any information regarding the PCB inspection, investigation, and cleanup at this location which your agency may have on file including but not limited to the following:

1. Site Inspection Records;
2. Site Investigation Reports;
3. Site remediation or clean-up reports;
4. Close-out documentation or reports.

Should you have any questions concerning this request for information, please call Ryan Seelbach at 510-285-2659. Your expedient processing of this request is appreciated.

Sincerely,



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Copies to: Sara Ziff, Project Manager, Corrective Action Section, US EPA Region 9
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